

I. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to the use of benzethonium chloride, alone or in combination with phenoxyethanol or phenyl ethyl alcohol, to provide anti-microbial activity in pharmaceutical compositions. The present invention also provides methods of using benzethonium chloride, alone or in combination with phenoxyethanol or phenyl ethyl alcohol, to inhibit microbial growth in pharmaceutical compositions.